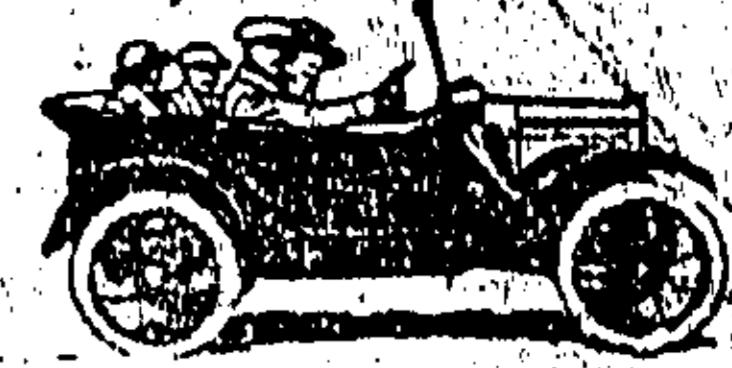


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It secures for British subjects and companies "national" treatment in Germany in respect of taxation and shipping, except possibly as regards the coasting trade.

New Legislation.

As the basis of the Treaty is "most favoured nation" treatment, legislation must be passed in Great Britain, removing the war-time disability of German citizens and companies in respect to their engaging in non-ferrous metal industries and banking in the United Kingdom; legislation is also necessary with regard to the employment of German seamen on British ships.

Impediments Removed.

The great mass of prohibitions on the importation of goods to Germany, which has impeded British trade, will by this means be swept away. The "most favoured nation" clauses will be interpreted in the most liberal spirit.

No Discrimination.

Both parties agree to abstain from using their respective tariffs as a means of discrimination; both will adopt the provisions of international conventions in trade and shipping, concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations—notably the Barcelona Treaty. The Geneva Treaty applies only

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

MR. MELLON IN REPORT TO CONGRESS.

STILL LESS TAXATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 4.

Mr. Andrew Mellon, United States Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to Congress, predicted several years of prosperous and healthy conditions in the United States, such as succeeded the 1896 election.

He explained that his prediction was based on the fact that the verdict of Americans was overwhelmingly against "various systems inconsistent with economic laws."

Great War Recovery.

He added that the United States was the first nation to come through the post-war transition stage with success, but America's commerce and industry must maintain its anchor to windward in future world trade; for, as America had recovered, so now was Europe becoming stabilised, thanks to the Dawes plan.

"Although it was true the improved situation in Europe would benefit the United States, Mr. Mellon gave warning that cheaper production and lower standards of living abroad would compel closer calculation on the part of America to meet competition in the world's markets. The past four years had witnessed a cut in the *per capita* tax in the United States from 54 to 27 dollars; while public expenditure, which in 1920 exceeded \$6,500,000,000 had been reduced, during the past year, to \$3,500,000,000.

Forecasting a further tax reduction, Mr. Mellon declared the reductions already effected had been of great service to business. He uttered a warning against utilisation of the field of taxation as a "field for socialistic experiment or as club to punish success."

KRASSIN IN PARIS.

COMMUNISTS IN GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 4.

M. Krassin, the new Soviet Ambassador, arrived here to-day from Berlin.

Communists' Welcome.

Several thousands of Communists demonstrated outside the station, receiving M. Krassin with cheers for the revolution.

A strong force of police maintained order.

M. Krassin, on his arrival at the Embassy, told pressmen that the Soviets' immediate aims were the resumption of normal Russo-French relations economically, commercially and financially. He denied any intention immediately to float a loan in France.

U.S. BONDS.

WELCOME RECEPTION OF TREASURY ISSUE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

CAR VS. TRAM.

Motor car No. 1483 was considerably damaged in a collision with a tramcar at Des Vaux Road West yesterday. Fortunately no persons were injured.

STOP PRESS.

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SENSATIONAL REPORT FROM EGYPT.

to the United Kingdom, but the right to adhere to the Treaty is accorded to the British Dominions, India, the British Colonies, British Protectorates and British mandated territories, whose goods shall enjoy "most favoured nation" treatment in Germany. But, the German Government is empowered to withdraw this privilege in respect to anywhere in the British Empire which has not adhered to the treaty before September 1, 1926.

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RULER OF SUDAN.

SIR GEOFFREY ARCHER APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, December 4.

Sir Geoffrey Archer has been appointed Governor-General of the Sudan, in succession to the late Major-General Sir Lee Stack.

A FINE RECORD.

[Note: Sir Geoffrey Francis

Archer, was created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1920 and Companion of St. Michael and St. George in 1925. He has been Governor and Commander-in-chief of Uganda since 1922. He was born in 1882, the second son of Mr. Bradley Archer, of Somers Place, Hyde Park, W. He married Olive Mary Godman, eldest daughter of Colonel Charles Bulkeley Godman of Woldingfold, Horsham. In 1902 he entered the Colonial Civil Service as Assistant Collector of the East Africa Protectorate. He was attached to the Secretariat of the District Commissioner in 1907, and was also Officer-in-charge of the Northern Frontier in 1911. In 1912 he was sent to Somaliland to administer the Government, became Deputy Commissioner of Somaliland in 1913, and Commissioner and Commander-in-chief in 1914. He was present at the action at Shimber Berri in 1915 and was awarded the African General Service medal and clasp. He was also a member of the British Mission at the Coronation of the Empress Zauditu of Abyssinia and was created first Class of the Order of the Star of Ethiopia. In 1918 he was awarded the Cuthbert Peak Grant by the Royal Geographical Society for surveys in East Africa, connecting Major Gwynn's Abyssinian triangulation with the triangulation of East Africa. He was made Governor in 1919. He directed operations against Millah in 1920, resulting in the destruction of the Dervish power in Somaliland.]

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UNFRIENDLY ACT.

Egypt And Disarmament Protocol.

BRITAIN SENDS NOTE.

LONDON'S SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH CAIRO.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, December 4.

Great Britain, on November 19

sent a Note to the Secretariat of the League of Nations referring to the resolution of the Assembly of October 2, which held that the Disarmament Protocol was open to the signature of non-members

of the League.

Special Relations.

As the terms of the resolution

might suggest the communication

of the Protocol to Egypt, the Note

recalls the British notification of

1922 to the other Powers, on the

subject of the special Anglo-

Egyptian relations and which are

defined in the declaration recognising Egyptian independence,

which relations vitally involve the

rights and interests of the British

Empire, and therefore any

attempt at interference with

affairs in Egypt by another Power

would be regarded as an unfriendly act.

The Note says that His

Majesty's Government is conse-

quently unable to admit that the

Protocol, if signed by Egypt,

would enable the Egyptian Gov-

ernment to invoke the intervention

of the League of Nations in the

settlement of matters

absolutely reserved to the discre-

tion of His Majesty's Govern-

ment.

Note is circled.

The Secretary-General replied

inquiring whether the British

Government intended that the

Note should be circulated to those

Powers to whom the Protocol had

been sent; and a reply was received

on December 3, stating that this

was the British Government's

desire, and the Note was accord-

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BIRTH.

VAN RENSSLAER-SMITH.—On October 25, at 9, Eldon-road, W.8, wife of Kiliaen van Rensselaer-Smith, of Tokyo, daughter.

MARRIAGES.

RODEN—McDONALD.—On October 11, in the Cathedral Antigua, Robin Roden, of Gemenchi Est., Batang Malaka, F.M.S., to Lorna, only daughter of Jack and Edith McDonald, of Antigua, B.W.I.

YATES—HOWARD.—On October 23, at Dumfries, Gordon Yates, Sutton Court, Sutton-at-Hone, Kent, and Hongkong, to Frances Margaret Guthrie, elder daughter of William Howard, Castle-Douglas.

Hongkong, Friday, Dec. 5, 1924.

HELP THE S.P.C.A.

The statement by Sir Henry Pollock, at last night's meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that Canton is forming a similar society, is most reassuring. It is reassuring in view of the correspondence that has appeared recently in the local press, protesting against certain aspects of the proposed Cruelty to Animals Bill to be presented to the Legislative Council. Many of

Our leader praising "The Thief of Bagdad" has been criticised "in a contemporary" by a contributor to the Legislative Council. Many of

Since the "China Mail" has not been honoured with these "candid impressions" we do not propose to deal with the points they raise. However, we would correct one gross error the "Daily Press" contributor commits either because he is a careless reader or because he is too anxious to be smart. His error relates to our leader of November 20 which we would recommend him to read again. Perhaps after doing that he will feel sufficiently ashamed to apologize.

Our Lady Cricketers.

Although the "certain disabilities" which will be imposed on the gentlemen in the Ladies' v. Gentlemen match to-day have not so far been enumerated they are bound to have an element of humour in them. Broomsticks and left hand bowling disabilities reminiscent of scenes at charity fetes and flower shows at home have not so far been mentioned, maybe because the form displayed by the fair exponents of the game at the nets has been too good to justify any great handicapping of the team which will oppose them, among which will be several players who have not wielded the willow for some considerable time. The result of the game will be interesting for, from it will be able to be gauged whether the neglect of active participation on the part of the fair sex in a game, which they dearly love watching, is due to inadaptability of body and muscle or simply to lack of opportunity. The result will simply need to be compared with that of the Cricketers v. Baseballers match which took place in Hongkong a short time ago when men essayed to play cricket who had never before had a bat in their hands and had in many cases never even watched a game in their lives or had acquaintance with its elementary rules. Allowance will certainly have to be made for the stronger nature of the opposition, but then the cricketers loaned a couple of their bowlers on that occasion. If the ladies' team proves victorious it would be too much to anticipate the formation of a H.K. Ladies' Cricket Club, with rigid rules for the exclusion of all men folk from the sacred precincts of the pavilion?

Exit Zaglul.

The British Note presented to the Egyptian Government in connection with the murder of Sir Lee Stack, the Sirdar, in Egypt, has now been fully complied with. Briefly, the Note demanded a proper apology, an indemnity of £500,000, prohibition of political demonstrations, and the immediate withdrawal of all Egyptian officers and units from the Sudan. It will be recalled, in connection with the last demand, that Zaglul Pasha, as Premier, protested that compliance therewith would "break the status quo" and be contrary to the Constitution by which King Fuad is Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Army. By the death of the Sirdar, Egypt has lost a friend, but his untimely end does not appear to have been in any way directly due to extremist views held by Zaglul Pasha. It is true that ever since the Declaration of Independence of 1922, Zaglul's influence has made of Egypt a hot-bed of sedition. On the whole, however, Zaglul's intentions are sincere—though misguided—his preaching has been along peaceful lines, counselling moderation rather than violence. Recent events, however, have fully demonstrated that his enthusiasm in the interests of his fatherland imparts fanaticism to the misguided masses. For this reason he must remain a menace to British interests and obligations in the Near East. His resignation and determination to seek retirement in France or Italy is therefore to be welcomed.

With regard to the financing of the work, the Society has at times found it difficult to make both ends meet. Through the generosity of Lady Clara Ho Tung, however, a sum of \$10,000 has been placed on mortgage to constitute an endowment fund. The Hongkong Jockey Club has again donated \$1,000, while Mr. M. J. Patell continues his generous gift of \$300 towards the feeding of the dogs in the Home. The Government has kindly promised to contribute \$2 for \$1 collected by the Society in subscriptions or donations up to a sum of \$5,000 per annum. It will thus be seen that every subscriber of one dollar is virtually giving three dollars to the Society. That

funds are badly needed if the Society is to continue its good work goes without saying, but we feel confident the need has only to be made more widely known for the community to meet it with its accustomed generosity.

On being politely requested by the complainant to refrain from blowing in that manner, the defendant replied that the driver could not hear "soft" blasts, and later used offensive language. Thereupon the complainant pointed out the irregularity to the defendant and also to an Inspector of the Bus Company.

The case was adjourned for the evidence of the inspector.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

[By Dutchie.]

The following is the League programme for to-morrow:

FIRST DIVISION.

Police v. China "A," Sokumpo ground.

Club v. China "B," Club ground.

"Tamar" v. Surreys, Navy "A" ground.

Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

St. Joseph's "B" v. China "A," Club ground.

Surreys v. China "B," Sookum-poo ground.

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's "A," Kowloon ground.

Sacred Heart v. Club Recreio "B," St. Joseph's ground.

Drums v. Club Recreio "A," Navy "A" ground.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

They are as follows:

Firstly, to put the right and only the right man to steer the wheel of education. Would you ever dream of asking a carpenter to do you a piece of masonry work? He is to be chosen merely for his University degree, nor from any walk of life, but from among those very well acquainted with the intricacies of our local education.

Secondly, to permit only those who have good sound educational experience to establish schools. Degree men without such a qualification must be debarred from this honourable and responsible occupation.

Thirdly, to order the closing down of such schools as are not in a position to educate, in the true sense of the word, the young. Better have a few but efficient schools than many "so-called" ones, which do more harm than good.

Fourthly, to adopt some regular systematic form of inspection of schools.

Fifthly, to promote free elementary education to be maintained by the State for the poorer children. In this connection, it might be mentioned that the establishment of some sort of industrial schools for those better fitted for handicraft, and of a number of competitive scholarships to enable intelligent youths to proceed to college, would certainly be of great benefit to the community.

Sixthly, to insist on the heads of schools not to admit any new student, unless he produces a proper school-leaving certificate from the school he last attended. It is quite a common practice for a youngster to roll from one school to another in order to avoid paying tuition fees for the holiday-period.

Seventhly, to see that education and not "induction" is the watchword of all our schools.

Thanking you for encroaching upon this space,

Yours etc.,
C. P. H.

Hongkong, December 4.

ST. JOAN.

A.D.C.'S FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION.

Booking for the A.D.C.'s production of Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan," under the personal direction of Mr. W. Sinclair, opens at the Anderson Music Store on Monday, the 15th inst., at 9 a.m. "St. Joan," which is a chronicle play in six scenes and an epilogue, is rightly described as "the most brilliant drama of the century" and is also a great historical pageant. It will be found the A.D.C.'s most ambitious production and a play which certainly should not be missed. The evening performances will commence at 9 p.m. sharp; the matinee at 4.30 p.m.

plays as well in the trials as he has done in the last two representative matches, he should be the choice.

I don't think there is likely to be a trial game before my next notes, so I will leave the forward line until next Friday.

Is a paddy field a good place to play water polo?

MATCH POSTPONED.

With reference to the notice regarding the Hongkong Football Club Reserves, 2nd Division League fixture with the University appearing on our sports page, the match has been postponed until further notice. The information reached the "China Mail" after page 11 had gone to press.

LADIES AT CRICKET.

MRS. REED STARTS AS
"GOOD CAPTAIN."
SCORES A CENTURY.

Prolonged cheers greeted the eleven men players as at one forty-five this afternoon they wended their way from the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion to the pitch. Even more loud and certainly more ironical, were those which greeted the attempts of the fielders, as they waited for the first two lady batsmen, to catch and field one-handed, one of the disabilities imposed upon them.

Their full disabilities are as follows:—must catch and field with either hand but one; must retire at 20; boundaries for them count 2 only and boundary bays 1, only, whereas for the ladies they count 6 and 4 respectively; wicket-keeper to stand at least a yard behind the stumps.

To the discretion of the umpire is left the decision as to whether a ball is fast (in which case the men's side will have it put down as a no-ball). The penalty for men using more than one hand will be 6 runs given to the other side.

A few minutes after the men had taken the field Mrs. Reed, Captain of the Ladies' side, accompanied Mrs. Bower to the wicket amidst a perfect burst of applause from the pavilion seats, which were crowded.

Other ladies in the team are Miss P. Grace, Miss G. Grace, Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Lucy, Miss Owen-Hughes, Miss E. Harston, Miss B. Harston, Miss Bailey, Miss Forbes and Miss D. Holyoak.

Score when the "China Mail" went to press were:

LADIES' 1ST INNINGS.	
Mrs. Reed, retired	100
Mrs. Bower, run out	28
Miss P. Grace, not out	10
Extra	1
Total (for 2 wkt.)	140

L. M. S. WORK.

SALE FOR BUILDING FUND.

GIRLS' SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS.

To help with the provision of a new school which is necessitated by the growing expansion of the numbers of scholars at the London Missionary Society School, a sale of work in aid of the Ying Wah Girls' School Building Fund was held at the Union Church yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie, who presided over the sale, said that it was brought about by the ladies of the Union Church and the ladies of the Congregational Church in Kowloon. A year ago they were somewhat in trouble over the building of a Chinese school in their vicinity, and the impression that seemed to have got about was that they, as a Congregational Church, were unfriendly to a Chinese school.

Scalls were in charge of the following ladies:

- General Stall.—Mesdames Hamilton, Milne, Gerrard, Craig, Cubey, Dalgetty and Glynn.
- Refreshment Stall.—Mesdames Mitchell, Muir, Horn, Thorburn, Drummond, Price and McMurray.
- Children's Stall and Bran Tub.—Mesdames Macconachie, Purves, Collett, Blair, Ironside and B. Brown.
- Sweet Stall.—Miss Annie Miller, Miss Phyllis Brown.
- School Stall.—Miss Davis.

Mrs. J. B. Ross was the hon. treasurer and Mrs. MacKenzie hon. secretary.

ALLEGED THEFT.

DUMB CHINESE IS CHARGED.

A charge of picking the pocket of Shanghai Chinese on board the s.s. "Shan Tung" and stealing \$225 was preferred against a dumb Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A member of the crew giving evidence stated that he saw the defendant take the money.

The case was adjourned for a week.

Tickling Threat.
Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a fit of mucus or phlegm that strangles before it begins? Just a few sips of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to glide down the throat, will stop that tickle and, at once, give you immense relief. Try it that way too for bronchitis, bronchial and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

FAREWELL DINNER.

COMMODORE GRACE AS ROYALS' GUEST.

Commodore H. E. Grace, who is shortly leaving the Colony, was entertained to a farewell dinner at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club last evening, the gymnasium hall being gaily decorated for the occasion. Capt. Arthur, the Commodore of the Club, presided, and there were also present Sir Claud Severn, Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Vice-Commodore) and others.

In proposing the health and prosperity of their guest, Capt. Arthur said that they were sorry to see that Commodore Grace was leaving them as he had been a very useful member of the Committee and a pillar of strength to the Club. He had been a keen yachtsman, and in addition to a good winner had always been a keen loser. (Applause). In conclusion, he asked the Commodore to accept a small token on behalf of the members and well-wishers he was leaving behind him. (Applause).

In reply, Commodore Grace first thanked the lady who had spent so much care in decorating the gymnasium, and then Capt. Arthur for his kind words. It was difficult to say good-bye after two and a half years for he had made many friends during that time. He was surprised at the size of the gathering, and he much appreciated the honour they had done him in receiving him in their own building. He was proud to be there, and as he looked round he thought of his absent friends, particularly Messrs. Smyth and Lowe. They were real friends of the Club, and he regretted they were no longer present. It was a pleasure to see two ex-Commodores that evening, Mr. Dennison and another ancient friend, Sir Claud. (Laughter and Applause). Their old friend Ah Mow was present, as no gathering at the Yacht Club was complete without him. He was never at a loss as was shown recently when at his investigation several lives were saved from an overturned sampan off the Yacht Club. (Applause).

Continuing, the Commodore spoke of "our island spirit" and the manner in which it was carried wherever we went. Wherever we went we carried our love of the sea. He then produced a Commodore's pennant suitably inscribed which had been won recently by the Club yachtsmen from the Navy. Last year, he said, the Navy won the Club burgee and he should always treasure that. They were now all square but he hoped that next year the Club would give the Navy the chance of winning another burgee to show that Britannia still ruled the seas. (Applause). He proposed the toast of the Yacht Club.

Mr. E. Cock, replying, remarked that they were a virile little club. The membership was small, but if all the gentlemen who had attended the dinner came to sail they would have the liveliest yacht club in the world except America. (Laughter and Applause).

He thought there was no place in the world where yachtsmen could get first class sailing at so moderate a cost as in Hongkong, and if Hongkong helmsmen took their Chinese boys as crew when they went home they would give the people there a shaking up. He thanked the guest of the evening for being among them and the encouragement he had given them ever since he came to Hongkong.

Sir Claud Severn also spoke, thanking Mr. Tickle for the pains he had taken to make the dinner a success, and ended up with a humorous speech.

FRENCH SENSATION.

SADOUL AS RUSSIAN RETURNS.

ARRESTED IN PARIS.

(Reuters' Service.)

Paris, December 4.

The latest sensation in Paris is the return of ex-Captain Sadoul, ex-French Communist, who was sentenced to death in 1919 for giving intelligence to the enemy. He is now a naturalised Russian.

"Le Petit Parisien" says that M. Sadoul is attached to the Soviet Embassy, which the French police are watching with the intention of arresting M. Sadoul immediately, he emerges. "Le Journal" and "Le Matin" are informed that M. Sadoul is not in Embassy which told them that the Russians will scrupulously adhere to the promise not to interfere in French domestic affairs.

With regard to membership, Sir Henry Pollock mentioned that there were 21 Life Members and 407 Ordinary Members on the Books, but he regretted that during the past year only 279 Ordinary Members had paid their subscriptions. The Committee would be glad if all members would make it a point to

S.P.C.A.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held last evening under the presidency of Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., supported by Mr. B. L. Frost (Hon. Secretary), Mr. O. Skinner (Hon. Treasurer) and members of the Committee.

In a survey of the year's work, Sir Henry mentioned that a lethal chamber had been established at the Government Laboratory. With regard to the Dogs' Home, it would be seen from the report that it became necessary during the past year, owing to the reclamation work at North Point, to close the Dogs' Home in the neighbourhood of Causeway Bay. Thanks to the generosity of the Government they had obtained a site for a new Dogs' Home at Kowloon and the Government had already erected temporary quarters there.

Those quarters were by no means ideal and he believed that the Sub-Committee in charge of the Dogs' Home would shortly address the improvements which would make the Home more suitable for the purpose.

THE RABIES SCARE.

Owing to the recent rabies scare the police had been very active lately in collecting stray dogs and placing them in the Home. He had been informed by Mr. Frost that as the result of that campaign by the police in Kowloon it had been found necessary to destroy as many as 120 dogs during the last ten days. Members would therefore appreciate the fact that the accommodation in the Dogs' Home had been lately taxed to its uttermost.

As they noticed from the report, it was considered the time had come when it was necessary to start an additional Dogs' Home on the Hongkong side of the harbour. He had been in communication with the Colonial Secretary (Sir Claud Severn) on the subject of a site, and although nothing had been definitely fixed up at present, he was hoping that a good site would eventually be found in the neighbourhood of East Point. A new Dogs' Home would involve the engagement of a fourth Inspector. In this connection the Chairman drew attention to the general account pointing out to those interested in the welfare of dogs—and he believed there were very many in the Colony—that if another Inspector was appointed it would mean that they must secure greater support from the general public. There was a large number of animal lovers in the Colony, and he hoped and believed they would come forward with special donations, as well as ordinary subscriptions, in order to aid them in carrying on the work.

NEW CRUELTY BILL.

The report, Sir Henry Pollock said, was ample evidence that the Society was doing a great educational work among the Chinese and that they were fully worthy of all the help that could be given. It was hoped that the new Cruelty to Animals Bill would very shortly be ready for presentation to the Legislative Council. The Chairman expressed his indebtedness for all the help he had received in this connection from the Hon. Mr. H. Kemp, K.C., the Attorney-General, and Mr. A. Dyer Ball, the assistant Attorney-General.

The Chairman mentioned that a sum of \$10,000 had been presented by Lady Clara Ho Tung to the Society and had been placed on mortgage to constitute an endowment fund, to be called the "Sir Robert Ho Tung Endowment Fund." The Hongkong Jockey Club during the past year had again repeated their generous gift of \$1,000 towards the funds of the Society, and they continued to receive the sum of \$300 from Mr. M. J. Patell towards the feeding of dogs. The Society's best thanks were due for these generous donations.

The Government of Hongkong had kindly promised to contribute \$2 for every \$1 collected by the Society in subscriptions or donations up to a sum of \$5,000 per annum. That was another reason why he would urge those interested in the work to be liberal in their donations. (Hear, hear.) They all very much appreciated this generosity on the part of the Government, for in addition the Government had provided a site for the Dogs' Home at Kowloon and erected temporary quarters there.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

THE LAW FORBIDS.

One of the largest all-star casts ever assembled by Universal appears in "The Law Forbids," Bernard McConville's appealing story of a young couple's supposed incompatibility, which has its first local showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

This cast includes Baby Peggy, whose first big picture, "The Darling of New York," was so widely acclaimed throughout the country. Her parents in this picture are Elinor Fair, remembered for her work in "Driven," opposite Otis Skinner in "Kismet," and also "The Miracle Man"; and Robert Ellis, who played opposite to Gladys Walton in "The Wild Party."

Hayden Stevenson of "Leather Pushers" fame; Winifred Bryson, the siren of "Thundering Dawn" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"; William Welsh, known for his character roles in many big productions and Universal Westerns; and William E. Lawrence, James Corrigan, Robert Bolder, Eva Thatcher and Joseph Dowling are a few of the other well-known film players in the cast.

THE STORY TRACES THE EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES OF A SUCCESSFUL YOUNG PLAYWRIGHT, THE BABY'S FATHER, WHO SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE AND CHILD, FALLS FOR THE WIVES OF AN ACTRESS, WRITING A PLAY OF HIS OWN MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. THE BABY, LONGING FOR HER FATHER, RUNS AWAY FROM HER GRANDFATHER'S FARM, COMES TO THE CITY, AND ALMOST UPSETS THE CLIMAX OF THE PLAY, ON THE VERY NIGHT IT OPENS.

The course of the drama is changed when the child dashes on the stage, following her pet rooster, Alexander. Instead of the "other" woman winning, the cast are forced to respond to the child before them, and they improvise lines, while she responds to them, upsetting the playwright's intentions, which succeed with the audience.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman proposed the name of Mr. B. L. Frost as President for the year, a motion that was seconded by Inspector Fisher and carried with acclamation.

Other elections were: Vice-President, Mr. A. Stevenson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. L. Frost; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Miss C. O. Frost; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. O. Skinner.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee:

Lady Clara Ho Tung, Lady Pollock, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. De Martin, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Quarles Van Ufford, Mrs. P. P. J. Wedderhouse, Mrs. Remington, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Hyland, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. F. H. Dillon, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Capt. Oxspiring, R.A.V.C., Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Dr. Williams, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Mr. M. P. Talati, Sir Henry Pollock and Dr. MacGowan.

VOTE OF THANKS.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto referred to the services rendered to the Society by their retiring President, Sir Henry Pollock. Sir Pollock had taken a very great interest in the Society since its inception and Mr. Silva Netto, though they could not leave the room without thanking him most sincerely for all he had done. Although relieved of the duties of President, he hoped Sir Henry Pollock would continue to take a very deep and practical interest in the affairs of the Society. (Applause).

Sir Henry Pollock, in reply, thanked Mr. Silva Netto for his kind words. He only wished that the time at his disposal had enabled him to do more. He still had much to do in connection with the Cruelty to Animals Bill, and certain work next year had reluctantly made him come to the conclusion that he must be relieved of the position of President. It had given him great pleasure to work for the Society, and he hoped to attend the Committee meeting in the future as often as he had done in the past. (Applause). He felt that they would get on very well in a coming year under Mr. Frost. (Hear, hear).

JOBLESS AND HOMELESS.

PITIFUL CASE AROUSES MAGISTRATE'S SYMPATHY.

TALE OF TWO RODS.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. N. L. Smith a Chinese was charged with the theft of two iron rods.

Defendant said that he found the bars in an open place, and took them away as he thought there was no owner. He pleaded to be in a state of destitution since he arrived from Nanking. He had intended to go to Canton to secure work in the army, but fell sick and was in the Kwong Wah Hospital for one week.

The Magistrate sentenced the defendant to seven days' hard labour, remarking that it appeared to him that something should be done, when the man was discharged, to help him. Sub-Inspector Spear said that he would see to this.

ARMS SEIZED.

ONE MAN ARRESTED AT SAI-TAN.

In a search carried out by the police at Sai Tan village in the district of Shek Tau Kwok, they seized one automatic pistol and 14 rounds of ammunition. One man was arrested in connection with this seizure.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Tls.
Langkats 19 Buyers.
Ewos 12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks 104 Buyers.
New Enginings 730 Buyers.
Oriental 375 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 50 Buyers.

The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

ANCIENT CIVILISATION.

RESEARCH EXPEDITION MAKES DISCOVERY.

Information has just been received in London from the steam yacht, "St. George," which is carrying out a programme of scientific research in the Pacific, of an uninhabited island off the coast of South America. In the midst of a tropical island jungle, hitherto unexplored, says the "Manchester Guardian," the party of British scientists of the "St. George" have unearthed evidence of an ancient civilisation. Sculptured rocks, ancient pottery, and stone implements have been brought to light. These probably date back to the period of history when the island was part of the South American mainland, and the discovery is all the more interesting in view of the recent similar discoveries in Hawaii.

Specimens, with full data and photographs, are being sent back to London at once, and further examination of the island is being made.

In the other branches of science the island has yielded excellent results; much information and many new species being added to what little is known of this region.

The yacht "St. George," under the auspices of the Scientific Expeditionary Research Association, left Dartmouth last April for the Pacific and has already completed scientific work in Madeira, Trinidad, and Panama. The programme yet to be completed includes the islands of Polynesia and Easter Island, with its mysterious gigantic images. The vessel is expected back in England early next summer.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE MAIL.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 5.—Coronet Theatre; "The Thief of Bagdad." December 5.—Star Theatre; "The Shadowgraph." December 5.—World Theatre; "The Girl Who Came Back." December 5.—Queen's Theatre; "The Law Forbids."

SPORT.

December 28.—St. Andrew's Match at Fanling.

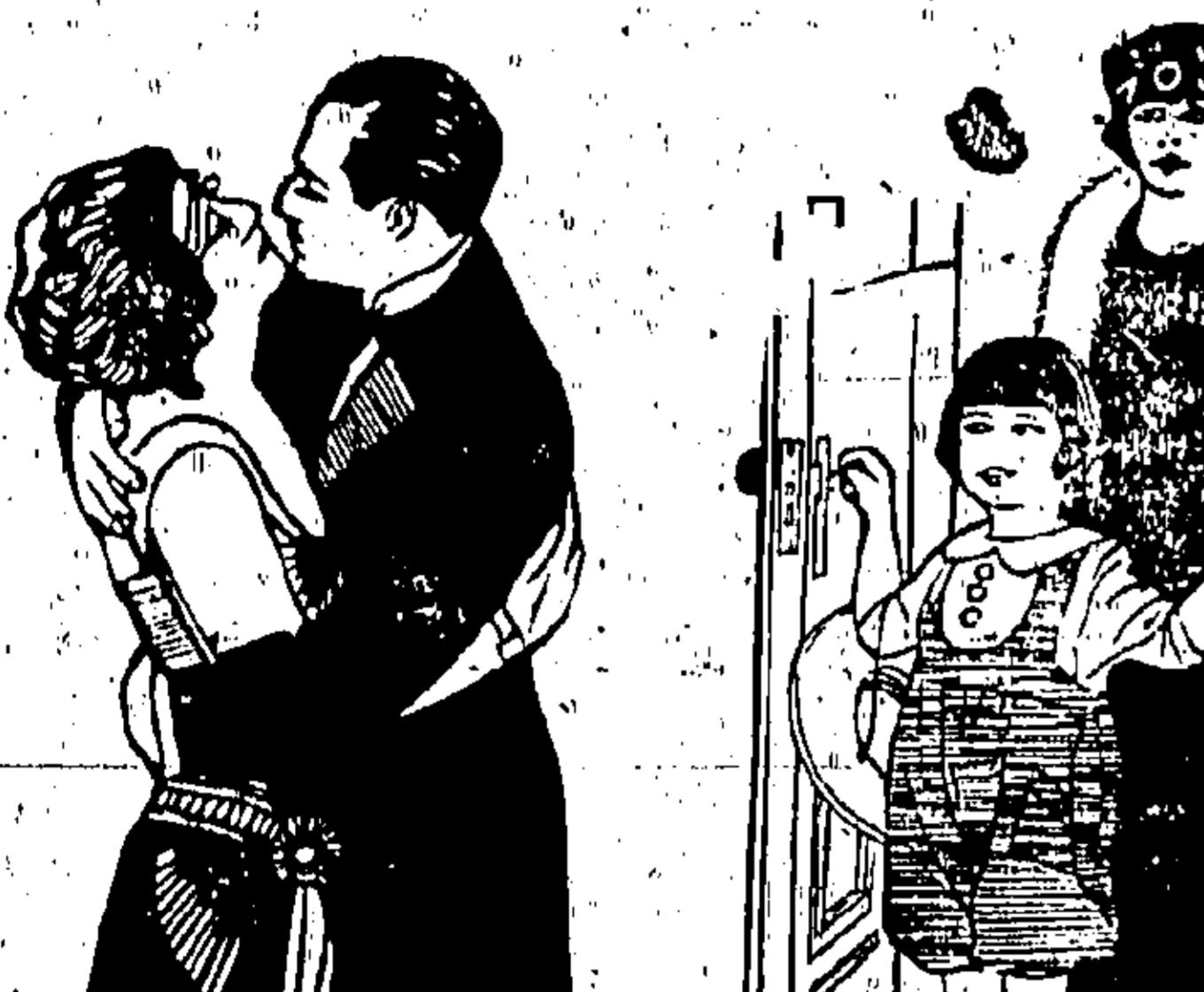
SOCIAL.

**There's Many a Slip
Between Stolen Lips!**

Nothing makes a love pirate so mad as to have the man's baby daughter bob up just when she's about to hear the words: "I love you!" But Baby Peggy was fighting for her rights and she went right out on the stage in the middle of her father's play and stopped the show. There is plenty of thrills in this episode of modern family life.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Reuter's message from Gibraltar states there are disagreeable rumours from Morocco, including a reliable report that the Spaniards have been compelled to abandon the post of Rio Martin, near Tetuan.

As will be seen from an advertisement in this issue, shareholders in the Peak Hospital Limited, now in liquidation, are to receive a return of 59 per share. They should apply to Mr. H. P. Smith, 6 Des Voeux Road Central.

The Consular body of Chungking has requested the Civil Governor of Szechuan to abolish at once all irregular military taxes imposed on foreigners trading in the province. The irregular taxation has been the subject of frequent Consular protest, but recently the taxes have grown in number.

Of late, many cases of theft at Shameen have been reported, says the "Canton Gazette." It will be remembered that some days ago the strong room of the firm of T. E. Griffith was broken into by thieves who got away with a lot of valuables deposited there for safe-keeping by Chinese Merchants. A similar case of theft has now been reported, the victim being Loxley & Co.

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Jose Monteiro, a musician of the "President Cleveland," was arrested by agents of the Customs Secret Service at Manila for trying to bribe a guard and attempting to smuggle a firearm. He gave the man on guard at the "President Cleveland" a ten-dollar bill which the latter claimed and later turned it over to his chief. Both money and firearm were confiscated. The case will be turned over to the City Fiscal for action.

The native press of Hankow reports that Mr. Chow Shing-tang, Chairman of the Hankow Chinese Chamber of Commerce, has proposed the holding of a special one-day race meeting at the International Race Club and a three days' dramatic performance at the New World Building in order to raise funds for the relief of the poor in Shanghai and Chekiang provinces who have suffered through the recent hostilities.

Mr. Austin Chamberlain left London for Paris yesterday. He is bound for Rome.

Mr. E. C. Lobensine, honorary secretary of the National Christian Council in Shanghai, visited Changsha recently. Mr. Lobensine is at present visiting various cities in the interior in the interest of the Council.

Miss Wong Yin-heong, living at No. 21 Old Bailey, has reported to the Police the theft of a diamond ring valued at \$800, she left on a wash-stand at the To To Sin Restaurant whilst washing her hands, on Wednesday.

Mr. Andrew C. Fleming, manager of the Robert Dollar Company at Chungking, is now travelling to Shanghai on his way to America on home leave. During his absence Mr. T. Walter Arndt, of the Dollar Company at Hankow, will be in charge of the Chungking office.

It is announced that the appointment of Capt. R. V. S. Johnston, Royal Marines, as District Intelligence Officer, Singapore, has been extended to December 22 next year. Capt. Johnston has held the appointment since February, 1923, and was previously District Intelligence Officer at Shanghai for several months.

Among passengers departing to-day by the "Empress of Australia" are the following for Shanghai: Major Cassel, Mr. I. Zellerky, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Miss Holyoak, Mr. H. S. G. Giles, H. B. M. Coulst at Canton, accompanied by his family and Sir Henry Gorham. Passengers by the same vessel for Vancouver include Mr. H. M. Tibby, Manager of the Glen Line, Shanghai, Mr. M. A. Cohen, A.D.C. to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Mr. G. Ludos de Negri, Mexican Consul-General for Hong Kong.

A normal service of through trains, with the exception of the night express, was started on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway the week before last, for the first time since September 2 when the line was cut owing to the clash of the contending Kuang and Chekiang armies. The service provided eight trains starting at 7 a.m., the express train leaving at 9:30 a.m. The night express is not being run owing to military difficulties, chiefly martial law in the province, and the fact that the Tientsin-Pukow service is discontinued.

A correspondent writes to the "North Borneo Herald": "I killed a small green snake with a peculiar heart-shaped head and with white bars across its back, which was hanging in a creeper on the wall of my house. This is said to be one of the most deadly snakes in the country and, I believe, of the same kind that bit Mr. Dale some years ago at Sahakdan, with very nearly fatal results. This snake has a habit of suspending itself in low bushes of creepers where it stands, it strikes at whoever is passing by. I was quite near it before it was seen by my wife, and shortly before some painters had been working at the spot."

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Julio de la Rosa, architect, who sued the Bank of the Philippine Islands more than a year ago for the payment of P30,000 for the alleged failure by the bank to carry out its contest for the best plan of its new edifice, lost his case in the Supreme Court when it handed down its decision absolving the bank from any obligation. The lower court awarded the plaintiff P4,000, but on appeal he lost everything. He alleged that the bank failed to award the prize of the contest on the date it had announced, but this allegation did not prevail in the Supreme Court.

The case centred around the contest recently won by Juan Arellano, who was awarded the first prize, P.30,000.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company's ship "The Cable" left the Thames on October 25. She is proceeding to Singapore, where she will take up the work of repairing the cables as occasion arises. Oil fuel allows the ship a range of 6,000 miles. Sir John Denison-Pender, Chairman of the Eastern Associated group of cable companies visited the ship on October 23. His company, with many interested in cables, and bade farewell to the captain and crew. The ship will never go home. She will, if she lasts as long as her predecessors, remain in commission for about forty years and then be sold out of service, possibly finishing as a cargo boat in the China Seas.

Mrs. Roy Andersen, who has been travelling in Europe for six months, is expected to return to Peking by Christmas.

Mr. W. T. Alexander, general manager for the Far East of the Palmolive Company of Milwaukee, is now visiting Hankow from Shanghai, in connection with business of his company.

The death has taken place of a well-known resident of Shanghai, in the person of Mrs. Dorothy Wegener, who passed away at the Paulin Hospital, Shanghai, last week. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, was of a very lovable disposition, and her loss will be greatly felt by a large circle of friends.

Passengers departing to-day by the Admiral Oriental Liner "President Jackson" for Shanghai include Mr. Douglas Jenkins, American Consul General at Canton, accompanied by Mrs. Jenkins, Dr. E. Iizawa, and Mr. J. H. Taggart. Mr. and Miss Clover are travelling to Seattle by the same ship.

Mr. Chow Sin-tang, chairman of the Hankow Chamber of Commerce, and Chow Yung-shuen, chairman of the Hankow Street Union League, are interesting themselves with plans for the organization of the Hankow Merchants' Volunteer Company. A request for permission to arm the volunteers has been sent to the governor.

The wedding took place at the Wesley Church, Ipoh, of Miss Brin Merle Moreira eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan B. Moreira, of Brewster-road, Ipoh, and Mr. Henry Morgan Van Cuylenberg Orloff, of Messrs. Whiteway, Lidlow and Co., Teluk Anson branch, son of Mr. Norman Orloff, a retired senior official of the Ceylon Government Railway.

At the Government pawnshop at Widoorin, Java, seven months ago, a big "diamond" was pledged for five hundred guilders. This diamond was not redeemed and when it was sold at a public auction it only fetched nine guilders. It was made of glass and the official in charge of the pawnshop will have to make good the difference.

In his remarks to the shareholders of the Colonial Bank, the chairman, Mr. C. F. Wood, said the Nigerian palm-oil trade was menaced with scientific cultivation of the oil palm in the Dutch East Indies. It was becoming increasingly evident, he said, that the history of the triumph of the cultivated variety of rubber over the wild product was likely to repeat itself in the case of the oil palm. The planted acreage in Sumatra had shown a remarkable and significant increase.

The "President-Polk," which had arrived at home from the East with a cargo, including about 1,250 tons of rubber, took fire in New York Harbour. The damage is reported to be serious, and a long delay in the delivery of any part of the cargo which may be saved is a certainty. The demand for near rubber in America is keen, and a delay in the delivery of 1,250 tons, let alone the possible loss of some part of this quantity, affected the market considerably, says a home paper.

Mr. Kho Sian-ewe, who has identified himself on more than one occasion previously and has in fact followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Mr. Kho Cheow-teong, by giving donations towards deserving causes and scholarships to the various schools in Penang has given the sum of \$1,000 for the erection of a tiffin shed for the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Anson Road, which will fill a long felt want and for which the "Penang Gazette" is sure the principal and the students of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School will be very grateful. He always takes a keen but unostentatious interest in public affairs, and in addition to many high offices he holds in various institutions, the latest honour conferred on him was his election as President of the Old Free's Association. He headed the list for the Red Cross Fund with \$8,000, and contributed liberally to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the last severe influenza epidemic in Penang, which took a big toll.

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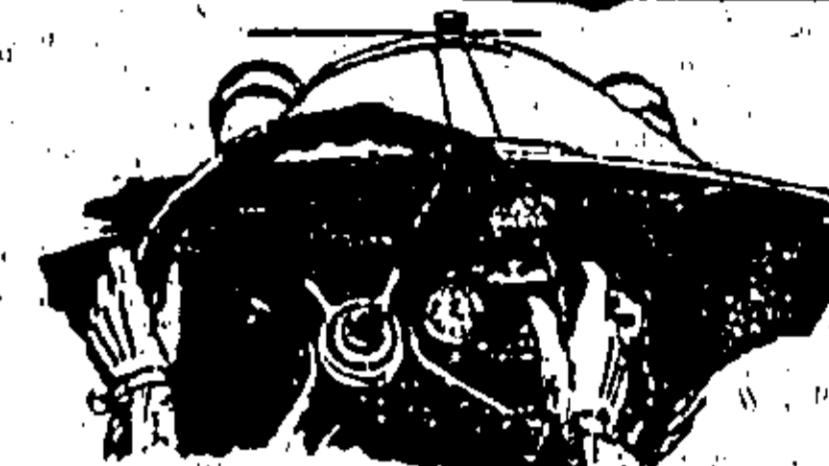
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CLUELESS WONDER.
MAN WHO MEANT TO DISAPPEAR.

NEW YORK MYSTERY.

New York, October 18.—Medium height, weight about 240 lb, fond of ice-cream and a certain brand of aerated water. Age, somewhere in the early forties.

Does it seem possible that a man could be the daily associate of persons in a large stockbroking concern for twenty odd years, and be partner in the firm for the past five years, without leaving any more definite impression upon those with whom he came into contact?

It does not sound reasonable. It sounds as though taken from one of the numerous detective or mystery stories dealing with negative characters. Yet it is absolutely true of George R. Christian, missing partner in the firm of Day and Heaton, which has gone into bankruptcy with losses approaching half a million pounds or more. Christian's case is the most intriguing that has confronted the New York detectives and the veteran experts on crime during the past decade. He is the most mystifying man they have undertaken to analyse at long range, and if they find him the prospects are that their curiosity will never be gratified in full.

VANISHED ON HOLIDAY.

Christian entered the employ of the firm of Day and Heaton, one of the oldest and most conservative in Wall Street, as a messenger boy more than twenty years ago, and is supposed now to be in his early forties. By sheer hard work he won a place as a junior partner five years ago.

On August 14 of this year he started on what was thought to be his annual vacation. On September 9, a member of the firm received a letter from Christian, postmarked New York, admitting that he had carried "dummy" accounts and was 200,000 dollars (about £45,000) short in his accounts.

That letter was kept secret for a week or more, the firm expecting to make up the loss, but investigation revealed that the deficit might reach two and a half million dollars, and the firm went into bankruptcy. Did Christian take a tip from the fiction writers and for years practise what might be called negativism? That is, did he deliberately design to create no impression upon those whom he met, with the idea that some day he might want to disappear, and leave a difficult trail? All of the evidence so far indicates that he did exactly that.

He was not an obscure, silent partner. He had been a hard worker as an employee. As a partner he worked still harder. In fact he did practically all the work. Every day he met the large staff, held consultations, issued orders, inspected accounts and met employees and partners eye to eye. Yet the description of him in the first paragraph of this story is all the police have.

NO MANNERISMS.

Not one single mannerism does this man seem to have had. Persons who have been with him for years cannot recall any of the unconscious habits that ordinary persons display, such as scratching the ear or head, or stroking the chin when pondering a problem.

He had no pet expressions in his speech. He was not solemn and he was not merry. He had no particular fancies in clothes.

Nobody can recall that he had a hobby of any sort whatever. He may or may not have been fond of sport. He may have been a hard drinker and he may have been a teetotaller. He may have been, or pretended to be, a devout churchman or an atheist. He seems to have made no enemies and neither did he make close friends. The employees cannot recall whether they liked or disliked him.

No impudent office-boy has ever mimicked Christian; no clerk or other person has drawn a caricature of him. Only one photograph of him has been found. That is unsatisfactory, and he probably made it so. It was taken in a group with other members of the firm on one of the company's anniversaries, and he could not sidestep the occasion.

When the search for Christian began nobody knew where he lived. He had moved three and a half years ago from the address in the notebook of the senior partner, and had never mentioned the fact. When a year ago, another partner went fishing and offered to send him part of the catch, Christian told him to send it to the office.

The police finally found the place to which he had moved; but also found that he had sent his wife and mother-in-law away before he disappeared, and they were located with great difficulty. He left them penniless.

Christian had a brother whom he had not seen for many years and who knew no more about him than did the police; nor did his wife and her mother.

The man was not a recluse. He spent most of his time at home when not working, but he occasionally mingled socially with other men and made no obvious

SOME RARE MEDALS.
UNIQUE COLLECTION AT INDIA OFFICE.

Under the orders of the Secretary of State in Council, a complete collection of Indian Army medals and ribbons from the latter part of the 18th century has been made for permanent display at the India Office. The long glass case in which they are exhibited, mostly in chronological order, is on the first-floor corridor, facing the spacious Durbar Court of the office.

The earlier medals shown are usually much larger than those of modern days and are often of exquisite workmanship. They are very rare and are highly valued by collectors. Brought together in this way, the collection is unique, says "The Times," for at the time when the Honourable East India Company was obtaining the permission of the Board of Control for the issue of medals to Indian troops for successive campaigns, it was most unusual for any similar reward to be made in this country. For instance, no medal awards were made to either the naval or military services for the Seven Years' War and the American War of Independence.

JOHN COMPANY.

The medals John Company is said to its Indian troops were the more prized because, as in the case of the Decan medal, authorised in 1784-85, they often carried privileges, such as exemption from payment of the duties levied by the authorities on pilgrims to certain famous shrines.

The older medals include the Mysore (1791-92), struck both in gold and silver, for the operations against Tippoo-Sultan; the Ceylon (1795-96), awarded to a small force of Bengal Native Artillery which assisted in capturing the island from the Dutch; the Serinagapatam (1799), the first medal to be issued by the Company to Europeans as well as natives, to Crown troops as well as to Company troops; and the Egypt (1801), issued in commemoration of the defeat of the French Army in Egypt.

There is another echo of the Napoleonic Wars in the Rodrigues, Bourbon, and Mauritius medal (1810). The Java medal (1811) and the Nepal medal (1814-1816) were next issued. The earlier medals had no ribbons, and were usually hung round the neck with a cord. In one case, Gwalior (1824), the medal has a hook at the back, and the ribbon for it was authorised some years later.

FIRST GENERAL SERVICE.

An interesting fact is that the first general Indian medal for campaigns extending from 1799 to 1820 bears the profile of Queen Victoria, who was not born when most of the battles inscribed on the bars were fought. The explanation is that the medal was not issued until 1851. There are other instances of long delay, and they help to explain the completeness of the collection. By the time medals were struck and ready for issue the ranks of the veterans for whom they were intended had been thinned by death and next-of-kin could not always be traced.

The War Office practice is to melt unclaimed medals; but it was felt desirable at East India House to keep a small stock of the issues for possible claimants.

The inclusion in the collection of a Turkish medal for the Crimea is noteworthy. The Turkish Government was short of officers between 300 and 400. John Company officers were lent to them as being experienced in the command of native troops.

There are many special medals in the collection, such as those of the two Sikh wars of the Sind campaigns under Napier, of the first and second Afghan wars, and of the Mutiny. The most recent of these special medals is that issued for the Tibet expedition of 1903-4.

OVERSEAS CAMPAIGNS.

Many of the general campaigns for which Indian troops have crossed the seas, such as those in Egypt and the Sudan in living memory, and South Africa are included in the collection.

There are also a number of medals given for special distinction, such as Lord Napier's medals for the best shot in the Indian Army (an award kept up by some succeeding commanders-in-chief) and the Pollock medal for the most distinguished cadet at Woolwich.

The medals and ribbons of the various Indian Orders awarded for military service are shown, and in the middle of the case there is the Victoria Cross, for which Indian soldiers have been eligible since the Coronation-Durbar at Delhi, and of which 12 sepoys are the proud possessors.

effort to keep himself in the background. He did not become party with those social acquaintances, nor did he bore or annoy them.

They cannot remember that he was a particularly good listener, or that he was a good conversationalist. They never missed him when he was absent, and felt no elation when he was present.

BRAVERY IN TANK.**SHIP'S OFFICER KILLED WHILE BEING RESCUED.**

London, October 25.—Plucky efforts to rescue an officer who had fallen into the tank of an oil steamer were described on the arrival at Avonmouth of the Anglo-American Oil Company's tanker "Appalachian."

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XMAS PREPARATIONS.**MAKE READY FOR FEAST OF NATIVITY.**

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days left by a mysterious midnight visitor. Vanished for us are the old beliefs and pleasant superstitions of childhood.

We can never recapture the days, unless we are poets and mystics, when the Christmas story was new and crammed with a beauty and pathos, a romance and mystery which fascinated and thrilled us.

The angels from heaven in those far off days were as real to us as the shepherds from the fields. The Christ-Child in the manger was as dearly loved by us as was our baby brother or sister in the cradle.

We knew about the Heavenly Father and His Christmas gift to the world, and we rejoiced in the most wonderful of all presents God's Son, who was born in Bethlehem.

The story of the Nativity however often we may read or hear it never loses its exquisite charm and appeal. As imagination pictures the scene in the stable our hearts are touched to deeper sympathy, compassion and love. The story as a story we accept but the simple faith of our childhood has passed into questionings. The poetry of the Birth has hardened into a problem, and the mystery has changed into mystification. We listen to doctrines of the Incarnation which raise as many difficulties as they attempt to solve.

"Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." imposes no such impossible conditions upon

children. The passing of the Holy Season leaves behind no memories of the most joyous day in the whole year.

We may explain to ourselves that changing times and circumstances have changed the character and the spirit of the Christmas celebrations. We may be content with our explanation if we consider what is merely external; but if we begin to examine ourselves and to see the inwardness of the change, we shall discover it to be in ourselves. It is we, who have changed, who are not what we used to be and who have lost something which transformed for us a short wintry day into a day charged to the full with romance, beauty and joy.

The modern Christmas is a caricature of the Christmas of our childhood. The Holy Day is too often a farce in which we are un-inspired players. The Season which began as a pagan feast, continued as a "Christian" festival, survives as an anniversary which betrays its mixed origin.

Recent fiction reflects the change which is evident to the least observant or introspective. We may compare the description of Christmas Day in Washington Irving's "The Old English Christmas," with that of Sheila Kaye-Smith in "The End of the House of Alard." It is the day on which the prodigal son and daughter find an open door, a vacant chair, and a father's welcome and forgiveness when they turn home again. It is the day of joy and merriment.

"This my son or my daughter, was dead and is alive again, he or she was lost and is found again."

We remember with no regret, what was once to us a painful disillusionment, the night when our eyes were opened and Father Christmas vanished and our own

childhood and lost faith is consequent upon the discovery of their loss and the knowledge of what has happened to us in the days we were outside the family of God.

We must learn that we have made ourselves unworthy to be called the sons of God. That we have turned our backs upon the Father's home and wandered far into the world that knows Him not. This knowledge will fill us with humiliation.

We must turn on our tracks and retrace our way to God. We shall have nothing to offer save our own disillusionment, sorrow, and repentance when we throw ourselves at the feet of the Father against whom we have sinned.

"Except ye turn" says Jesus. If we make the present season the turning point in our lives we shall find that God has turned to us in Christ Jesus. That the message of Bethlehem is one of forgiveness, reconciliation, joy and peace, for us and for all men. We are assured our welcome into the Kingdom and family of God. We turn, we are converted and we become as little children. As the newly received

sons of God we regain the vitality, the hope and the joy of childhood. We recover our lost sense of wonder and we marvel at the magnitude of the heavenly Father's love and the glorious privileges of our birth.

We become humble as little children athirst for the knowledge of the world which become new to us, the Father's world in which His Will and Purposes are in course of realisation.

Our heart hunger for God, which had been starved out of recognition, now finds its fullest satisfaction in a Father's love.

We shall be young enough to love Christmas, and to rejoice in the recovery of a lost childhood and a lost faith through Jesus Christ, His Son our Saviour. Who came to visit us in great humility and was born in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

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FALSE VALUES.**WHAT MUSIC HALL ARTISTS REALLY EARN.**

Some remarkable statements concerning the earnings of music-hall performers were made at a meeting in London of the Variety Artists' Federation.

Mr. Fred Russell said that there are about 5,000 music-hall artists in Great Britain. "Possibly a dozen of these are making more than £200 a week when working," he added. "Possibly there are two dozen who make £100 a week when in engagements."

"About 400 receive from £10 to £20 a week, but they are extremely lucky to get 25 weeks' work in a year. The average music-hall artist is lucky to make £5 a week if you spread his earnings over a year."

Agents, fees, fares, hotel expenses, tips, costumes, and stage properties run away with a great deal of the variety artist's earnings.

Among the many interesting observations made were the following:



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MRS. D.C. PAQUETTE.

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MISS HARRIET PHILLIPS.

The latest victim of the thieves who follow society women from cabarets and rob them, has been identified as Mrs. Helen Patterson Heyworth. With five others, she was held up in her apartment, but the thieves got only one £10 gem. Mrs. Heyworth came into international notoriety recently when she announced she was going to marry "Dapper Dan" Collins, international crook, then held in a Paris prison awaiting extradition. Collins wrote her, asking her not to make the sacrifice, but she said she loved him and would wait until he was free and marry him. At that time she was suffering from injuries sustained in falling from a Paris hotel window following a New Year's Eve party.

The Political Race.



MRS. W.M. ADAMS.

Mrs. William MacMillan Adams, of Copenhagen, Denmark, daughter of John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate in New York, marching the Democratic women district leaders, with whom she co-operated in her father's campaign.

Overwork Death.



CLIFFORD M. HOLLAND.

Just as the final shot was fired that connected the New York and New Jersey ends of the vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River, Clifford M. Holland, the chief engineer of the immense work, died at Battle Creek, of heart disease, brought on by overwork.

Divorced.



MRS. HELEN V. BOURNE.

Mrs. Helen Whitney Bourne, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. Whitney, society leader, has been granted a divorce from George Galt Bourne, son of the late Commodore Frederick G. Bourne, the financier and sportsman, from whom he inherited £1,000,000.

Murder Charge.



MRS. GRACE B. THOMAS & FRANK THOMAS.

When the dead body of Mrs. Grace Beam Thomas was found in the mouth of an abandoned iron mine, her husband, who "bought" her for £10 and a bottle of whisky, was placed in jail as a material witness. Before he could be formally charged with murder, he hanged himself in his cell with a pair of suspenders, and was dead when cut down.

Not A Bolshevik.



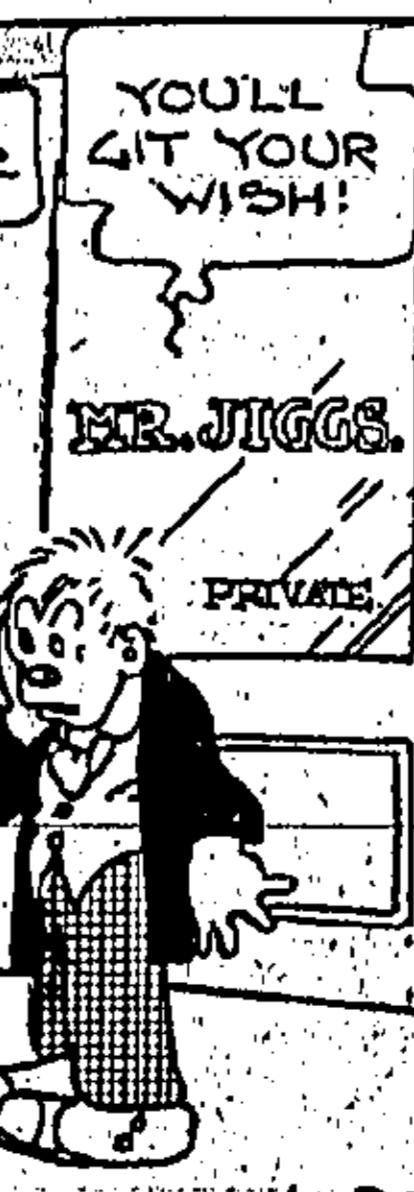
COUNTESS KAROLYI.

Despite protests from the President of the National Security League, that Countess Catherine Karolyi, wife of a former President of Hungary, is a Bolshevik and a menace to civilised institutions, the Countess, after being detained at Ellis Island immigrant station for one day, was permitted to land. She admits she is a Socialist, but denies she is Bolshevik. The Countess comes from one of Europe's oldest and wealthiest families.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****H.K.F.C. v. UNIVERSITY.**

The following will represent the Hongkong Club Reserves in the 2nd Division League Fixture with the University on South China Ground at 2.45 p.m. tomorrow:

H.K.F.C.: — F. Angus, D. Lyon (Capt.), H. Oswick; S. O. Hill, R. Bell, G. Puncheon; E. Bell, A. Ferguson, E. Railton, J. Douglas, J. Dixon;

Reserves: — R. G. Robertson and C. Conway.

**TEAMS FOR FIXTURES
TO-MORROW.**

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. Reserves, in their 2nd Division League match versus St. Joseph's "A," on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, 6th inst., kick-off 2.30 p.m.

K.F.C.: — G. E. Stewart; W. H. Parratt, B. Rasmussen; A. W. Brown (Capt.), C. Caveille, S. Randle; D. Morris, A. Latham, W. H. Brown, N. Trambitzky, H. Duncan;

Reserves: — F. W. T. Ross and A. Kirby.

CLUB v. SOUTH CHINA "B."

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their League match versus South China "B," kick-off 4 p.m. on Cluob ground: — G. S. Rodger; W. G. Gerrard (Capt.) and C. E. Bishop; A. Mair, J. Stewart and G. Watson; T. Pie, H. G. Howard, G. J. Jones, F. Evelyn and W. J. S. Key.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.**Tables To Date.**

The Hongkong Football tables to date are as follows:

Division I.

Team.	P.W.	L.D.	F.A.	Pts.
China "A".....	6	5	0	17
Surveys.....	6	5	1	18
R. A.	7	4	0	12
Tamar.....	7	3	1	7
Kwoklyn.....	6	3	0	18
Club.....	7	3	0	13
Police.....	8	2	4	7
China "B".....	7	0	0	7

Division II.

Surveys.....	8	8	1	19	3	15
St. Joseph's "A".....	9	6	0	19	9	12
Recreio "A".....	7	5	1	1	31	2
Drums.....	8	4	1	3	17	11
China "A".....	8	3	2	3	16	13
Kwoklyn.....	8	4	0	4	14	18
Club Res.....	8	3	1	4	5	13
University.....	7	2	2	3	8	12
Recreio "B".....	9	2	2	5	9	22
China "B".....	9	2	2	5	19	6
St. Joseph's "B".....	7	1	3	3	5	15
Sacred Heart....	8	1	6	11	22	3

Division III.

Team.	P.W.	L.D.	F.A.	Pts.
St. Joseph's "A".....	9	6	0	19
Recreio "A".....	7	5	1	31
Drums.....	8	4	1	3
China "A".....	8	3	2	3
Kwoklyn.....	8	4	0	4
Club Res.....	8	3	1	4
University.....	7	2	2	3
Recreio "B".....	9	2	2	5
China "B".....	9	2	2	5
St. Joseph's "B".....	7	1	3	3
Sacred Heart....	8	1	6	11

Boxing.**WEINERT BEAT FIRPO ON POINTS.**

Newark, N.J., November 13.—Charley Weinert of Newark, outpointed Luis Angel Firpo, the "Bull of the Pampas," last night in a twelve round no decision match, according to the opinion of the newspaper men at the ring-side. Weinert outboxed Firpo in every skirmish and the South American was badly marked.

CRICKET.**M.C.C. TEAM PLAYING AN AUSTRALIAN XI.**

(Reuters' Service.)

Brisbane, December 4. In pleasant weather and with a perfect wicket—three thousand people attended a match in which an Australian eleven are opposing the M.C.C. The Australians scored 209 for 5. Ponsonby making 81, Hendry 68 and O'Connor 59.

**TEAMS FOR MATCHES
TO-MORROW.**

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in their matches to-morrow:

On the Club ground, against the East Surrey Regiment, the team will be: — R. E. A. Webster (capt.), C. Blake, J. D. Humphreys, Col. E. D. Matthews, G. H. Piercy, Rev. T. B. Powell, Capt. R. F. Walker, F. N. Young, M. M. Maas, J. H. Crutch, and L. P. Ralph.

H.K.C.C. v. G.S.C.C.

At Happy Valley, the "B" team will be: — R. Hancock (capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, H. J. Armstrong, G. B. Hett, L. D. McNeill, G. R. More, W. W. Mackenzie, D. E. G. Nicholson, H. Owen Hughes, E. F. Stewart, and A. K. Mackenzie.

H.K.C.C. v. POLICE.

At Happy Valley, the Police, the H.K.C.C. team will be: — R. Macalpine (capt.), M. M. Watson, H. Griffin, H. M. Howell, G. R. Vallack, J. P. Bridger, H. J. Stevenson, C. T. Fowle, R. K. Hepburn, H. Spicer, and J. R. Way.

TENNIS.**WRETCHED WEATHER SPOILS
U.S.R.C. FINALS.**

The wretched weather yesterday afternoon somewhat spoiled the enjoyment of both players and spectators at the finals of the United Service Recreation Club Handicap Tennis Tournament. However, the rain did not prevent the tournament being brought to a conclusion. Unfortunately Pay. Lieut.-Commander Worthington, through indisposition, was unable to take part in the final of the Men's Singles or partner Miss P. Grace in the final event.

The Men's Doubles, produced a great game. Col. Russell Brown partnered by Capt. West, beating Capt. Oxspiring and Mr. A. S. Hersee from the owe 15-2 mark.

The losers received \$30. The first set went to 11-9 and in the second the winners were more prominent and won at 6-2.

Another fine match was seen in the final of the Ladies' Singles. Miss Peck (owe 30) by 6-2, 2-6, 14-12.

"Ladies" Doubles.—Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wodehouse (owe 15) beat Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss P. Grace (owe 30), 7-5, 6-4.

Details: — Men's Doubles (final)—Colonel Russell Brown and Capt. West (owe 15.2) beat Capt. Oxspiring and Mr. A. S. Hersee 11-9, 6-2.

Men's Singles.—Rev. N. Evans (owe 15.

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 5: 11h. Zon. Pressure has increased moderately at Chefoo, and has decreased moderately to slightly at the majority of other reporting stations. The anticyclone has strengthened slightly.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China. The conditions in the China Sea are uncertain.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.27 inch. Total since January 1st, 08.49 inches, against an average of 82.18 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 5, 1924.

1.—For mosa—Channel, N. winds, strong.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, N. winds, strong.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N. winds, fresh; fair.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N. winds, fresh; fair.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 5, 1924.—SUN.

Station: Hour: Pressure: Sea Level: Temperature: Humidity: Direction: Force: Wind:

Widstock 6: 30.17 11: — 0 b

Yemoro 5: 30.04 — NW 1: —

Hakodate 5: 30.18 — NW 1: —

Tokio 5: 30.20 — NW 1: —

Kochi 5: 30.22 — SW 1: —

Nagasaki 5: 30.24 — NW 1: —

Kagoshima 5: 30.20 — NW 1: —

Jabins 5: 30.22 — SE 2: —

Vaha 5: 30.20 — SE 3: —

Adulis 5: 30.20 — SE 4: —

Orasco 5: 30.10 — ENE 4: —

Hankow 5: 30.59 3: 68 N 4: b

Chang 5: — — — —

Changsha 5: — — — —

Shanghai 5: 30.25 55 90 NW 4: o

Gutin 5: 30.15 53 100 NE 8: o

Sharp Pk. 7: 26.91 1/2 94 ... o

Amoy 9: 26.98 6: 94 NW 1: r

Swatow 8: — — — —

Taihoku 5: 26.87 68 0: o

Taipei 5: 26.87 68 0: o

Taiwan 5: 26.88 68 NNE 4: o

Pescadores 5: 26.88 68 NNE 6: o

Canton 5: 26.88 68 NNE 6: o

Hongkong 5: 26.88 68 NW 3: od

Macao 5: 26.88 67 93 N 4: r

Wenchow 5: 26.88 67 93 N 4: r

Pahko 5: — — — —

Hofu 5: — — — —

Goulin 7: 30.15 6: 64 N 2: o

Tourane 5: 29.92 68 NW 4: o

Colombia 5: 29.95 73 E 1: o

Peru 5: 29.85 68 NNE 6: o

Paraguay 5: 29.85 68 NNE 6: o

Damascus 5: 29.78 72 92 N 2: o

Levant 5: 29.76 72 92 N 2: o

Tubabao 5: — — — —

Holm 5: — — — —

Malaya 5: — — — —

Guam 5: 4.80 — — — —

Yap 5: 4.47 30.74 — — — —

Labanu 5: 4.80 29.78 76 94 N 4: b

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 5, 1924.

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2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated being 100.

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5. SPEED OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h half, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility w daw, wet.

7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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